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WHITE HOUSE PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY ROGERS AT SAN CLEMENTE.

FOL SENT ACTION SECSTATE WASHDC INFO BANGKOK SAIGON APRIL 3, 1973 FROM VIENTIANE REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

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E. O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PGOV, PINT, LA

SUBJECT: RLG/LPF NEGOTIATION ON FORMATION OF NEW COALITION

GOVERNMENT

REF: VIENTIANE 2454

1. PRIME MINISTER INFORMED ME THIS MORNING THAT HE DID SUMMON PHOUN YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND TOLD HIM THAT LINKING MILITARY AND POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS WAS TOTALLY INADMISSIBLE. PHOUN, WHO PRIME MINISTER ONCE AGAIN DESCRIBED AS MESSENGER BOY, SAID HE WOULD TELEGRAPH TO SAM NEUA THE PRIME MINISTER'S VIEWS. THE ONLY COMMENT HE MADE WAS THAT SEPARATING THESE TWO ISSUES WOULD "BE VERY DIFFICULT".

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2. PRIME MINISTER DODGED WHAT HE WOULD DO SHOULD SAM NEUA REFUSE HIS PROPOSAL. HE WAS INTERESTED, HOWEVER, WHEN I TOLD HIM THAT I UNDERSTOOD THE SOVIET AN-2 AIRCRAFT WAS, AT THE LPF'S REQUEST, PROCEEDING SAM NEUA TODAY. HE SAID HE ASSUMED IT WOULD BE BEARING A DETAILED REPORT FROM PHOUN AND HE HAD NO REPEAT NO INDICATION THAT A HIGH RANKING LPF PERSONALITY WOULD BE RETURNING ON THE PLANE TO VIENTIANE. AS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST, WE KNOW THAT LPF REQUESTED AIRCRAFT BEFORE PRIME MINISTER CONVOKED PHOON. GODLEY UNQUOTE RUSH

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